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CONSTRUCTION OF DEPARTMENTAL BUILDINGS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than 75 percent of post offices and telephone exchanges are functioning in rented buildings in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for construction of departmental buildings in the State;
- (d) the names of places in Mandsaur and Neemuch districts of Madhya Pradesh where new buildings of telephone exchanges have been constructed and are functioning during the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Department of Post

No Sir.

Department of Telecom

Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Post

Not applicable in view of (a) above.

Department of Telecom

Out of a total of 459 telephone exchanges working in the State of Assam as on 31st January 2001, 365 exchanges are housed in rented buildings.

(c) Department of Post

Six post office buildings are currently under construction. In addition the Department is taking up construction of departmental buildings in Assam as per operational priority and availability of plan resources.

Department of Telecom

Construction of Departmental buildings to house telephone exchanges at about 50 stations has already been finalized and buildings are likely to be completed in a phased manner by March 2002. Constant persuasion is being made with State Govt. for allotment/acquisition of land at various places in the state so that departmental buildings can be constructed at the earliest.

(d) Department of Telecom

In Madhya Pradesh, new telephone exchange buildings constructed and functioning during the last two years are at :

1. In Mandsaur district (a) Mandsaur (b) Sitamau (c) Pipliya Mandi (d) Shyamgarh

2. In Neemuch district (a) Singoli (b) Manasa